



Jurisdiction



**Coordinate w/
Economic
Development**



Application



Notices Published



Public Hearing



Decision by BZA

The Board of Zoning Appeals hears cases regarding any appeal, request for permission to establish a conditional use or reuse, request for a variance, or other matters for which it has authority to make a decision under the Youngstown City Redevelopment Code. This jurisdiction includes appeals of Notice of Violations and denials of zoning permits.

While this step is **not required**, if your appeal involves a proposed business or commercial use, it would benefit you to contact the City's Economic Development team to strengthen your application as much as possible.

Their phone number is (330) 742-8842.

You must next complete an application to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This application must be completed within 30 days from the denial of any permit or violation.

The Application is available on the Youngstown City Zoning page at <https://youngstownohio.gov/zoning>

The hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals is a public hearing. This means that the BZA hearing agenda will be published in a newspaper. Moreover, neighbors within 300 feet or more of the subject property will be provided notice via regular mail regarding the hearing so that they submit comments approving or disapproving of your appeal.

At the scheduled BZA hearing, you will present your variance. You should note that this is your chance to convince the Youngstown City Board of Zoning Appeals to grant your appeal, which means that you should come to the hearing with all available witnesses, documents, studies, and other items that support your appeal.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will issue a decision granting or denying your appeal. If you disagree with the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision, you may have legal recourse in the Court of Common Pleas. You are advised to seek legal counsel to obtain a legal opinion regarding your possible rights.